MINUTES OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL

**Members present:** 

Vicki Campbell, Chairman

Larry Walker, Vice Chairman

Deborah Benn Lois Benson

Catherine Booker Chuck Kimball Elvin McCorvey Dale Perkins Randy Ponson Louise Ritz

Members absent:

Mike Steltenkamp

**Josh Womack** 

Staff present:

**Steve Sorrell, Executive Director** 

Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board

Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering

Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer Patricia Sheldon, Director of Finance

**Justin Smith, Assistant Director of Finance** 

#### ITEM A - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Booker provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ITEM B - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Campbell called the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee to order at approximately 2:04 p.m.

### **ITEM C - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Benson added the following topics to the agenda:

- (1) Trash collection for multi-family (New Business)
- (2) Pre-emption by Legislature (Unfinished Business)

Chairman Campbell added the following topics to the agenda:

- (1) Recycling for multi-family
- (2) School Board recycling

Dr. Walker added "personal attendance" to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Ritz, to adopt the agenda as presented and amended. Motion carried 10-0.

#### **ITEM D - OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments from the audience.

#### ITEM E - PRESENTATION BY STAFF - FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Ms. Patty Sheldon, Director of Finance, provided a financial overview of the ECUA system and outlined the budget process that is utilized by staff.

The Committee requested that a listing of past rate adjustments be provided.

#### ITEM F - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Ms. Benn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried 10-0.

### ITEM G - EXTENSION OF CHEMICAL CONTRACTS - SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, that the Board extend the contracts for sodium hypochlorite to DPC Enterprises, in the amount of \$0.5840 per gallon for the first of two one-year options to extend, with pricing as agreed to by the supplier and with the approval of the Board, with payment from the appropriate line item from the operating budget. Motion carried 10-0.

#### ITEM H - FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

A five minute recess was called for at approximately 3:07 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at approximately 3:12 p. m.

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Ms. Benn, to go with Scenario #3 for next year's water and wastewater budget.

An amendment to the motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Ritz, that the rate increase be 5%.

The vote on the amendment carried 6-4 with Benson, Campbell, Kimball and Perkins voting against the motion.

The vote on the main motion as amended carried 6-4 with Benson, Campbell, Kimball and Perkins voting against the motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Ritz, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, for a 5% rate increase for sanitation. Motion carried 10-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Dr. Walker, to approve the budget for the Materials Recovery Facility. Motion carried 10-0.

There was discussion where it was agreed to place the Scenario #3 capital improvement fee on the next Board agenda and to have the full Board further discuss the 5% rate increase at the July meeting.

#### ITEM I - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented for information only and did not require action.

- (1) Water Production monthly report May 2017
- (2) Water Reclamation monthly report May 2017

### **ITEM J - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(1) <u>School Board recycling</u> (Campbell)

Mr. Sorrell provided an update on the status of the offer to process recycling from the school system, stating staff has not had a response from the officials at the School Board.

(2) <u>Pre-emption by Legislature</u> (Benson)

Ms. Benson withdrew this topic.

#### **ITEM K - NEW BUSINESS**

## (1) Trash collection for multi-family (Benson)

Ms. Benson expressed her concern regarding homes on Pensacola beach that are called "wedding homes". Ms. Benson stated that these type homes are individual residential units that have 15-20 bedrooms, 6-8 bathrooms, and are rented out for large events such as weddings. Further, since the home is a single residential unit, they are only required to have one garbage can. This is where the problems exist as the trash/garbage generated from these events cannot be contained to one can and is spilling over the surrounding area.

Dr. Walker also pointed out a similar situation with individuallyowned townhomes where each home has a garbage can and possibly a recycle can. On pick-up day, the cans line the street and some are left out rather than being pulled back in by the resident.

Staff indicated they would evaluate the stated situations and report back to the Committee.

## (2) <u>Multi-family recycling</u> (Campbell)

Chairman Campbell inquired as to the allowance of those living in condos to recycle. Staff advised that the individual residents can recycle just as any other customer can.

## (3) <u>Personal attendance</u> (Walker)

Dr. Walker stated that he will not be in attendance at the Board meeting next week due to a family medical obligation.

#### **ITEM P - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee, Chairman Campbell declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

## APPROVED BY THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN A MEETING ON 07/19/17.

- (X) Without corrections/amendments.
- () With corrections/amendments being: